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WT 11-65: *In the matter of applications of AT&T Inc. and Deutsche Telekom AG for consent to assign or transfer control of licenses and authorizations*

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

As a retired veterinarian, I know all about the importance of progressive technology, and how it pertains to advancements in the medical field. Today, there may be no bigger opportunity for progressive technology than what the proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile USA can offer.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, rural communities with more access to wireless broadband experience greater economic growth. AT&T's merger with T-Mobile USA would expand mobile and wireless broadband access to 55 million more people in the U.S. than would have access if AT&T's request to merge were not granted. Historically considered a small, rural town, Cheyenne would be one of those places that could greatly benefit economically and educationally from extended wireless coverage that would result from approval of the merger.

In terms of the educational benefits of wireless broadband, the average ACT score of a student in Cheyenne is 20.6 while the national average is 21.0. I have no doubt that the expanded wireless broadband network would help increase scores, through the use of educational tools that operate by wireless Internet. Education should be at the forefront of the nation's reform policies, and the key to education reform is more wireless Internet coverage.

Wireless broadband coverage would also be beneficial for medical services. Emergencies can be more promptly addressed with the use of newer and faster technology and technology that can only be utilized via broadband connections and wireless Internet makes that possible while on the go.

When making your final decision, I hope you can remember how more extensive wireless broadband coverage would positively impact the City of Cheyenne along with many other small, rural towns across America.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Fred Emerich", written over a large, stylized blue flourish.

Senator Fred Emerich (R-Cheyenne)

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